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**SENATOR MARK SCHAUER NAMED ‘PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR’  
BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MICHIGAN**  
*Award Presented By President and Nobel Laureate Jimmy Carter*

LANSING – Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) has been awarded the 2003 Public Official of the Year award by Habitat for Humanity of Michigan in honor of 15 years of service to Habitat for Humanity. The award was presented by President and Nobel Laureate Jimmy Carter at the Eighth Annual Habitat for Humanity Michigan Awards Banquet, on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Renaissance Center Hotel in Detroit.

The award was presented for Schauer’s consistent advocacy “for quality and safe schools, early childhood development and investing in job training, economic development, good wages and community development.” Schauer was also praised for his work “to provide neighborhood and community safety through community oriented policing, along with tax fairness, and community and small business protection.”

Schauer was a founding board member of the Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity in 1988. In addition to his efforts to develop Habitat for Humanity in his area, he has assisted legislative efforts to support Habitat affiliates throughout Michigan. In addition, he has continued to support the annual banquet. Schauer has recently assisted in the Russ Mawby Work Project Habitat build in Battle Creek and is currently helping Habitat for Humanity of Michigan generate financial and in kind support for the 2005 Jimmy Carter Work Project in Michigan.

Sen. Schauer serves as Minority Vice Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Minority Vice Chair of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee. He was elected as 2003-04 Senate Democratic Floor Leader.

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*Ed. Note: To download a photo of Pres. Carter, Sen. Schauer, and Gov. Granholm, go to:*  
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